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APPLICATION

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O., Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

RE: 11,500' Sand, Reservoir A
Little Cheniere Field
Cameron Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **BALLARD EXPLORATION COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the **11,500' Sand, Reservoir A**, Little Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, to be designated 11500 RA SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate Ballard Exploration Company as the unit operator for the proposed unit;

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4. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit;
5. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the 11,500' Sand, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and,
6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The 11,500' Sand in the Little Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 11,500 feet and 11,571 feet (electric log measurements) in the Ballard Exploration Company - Theriot No. 1 Well (now called the Baccigalopi # 1 st), located in Section 23, Township 14 South, Range 6 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of January, 2003, at The Onebane Firm, 102 Versailles Blvd., Suite 600, Lafayette, Louisiana 70502, (337) 237-2660. A list of the parties who attended the pre-application conference is attached. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Bill Robbins, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefor, and answered questions. Jim Hardwick, representing the Conner family presented a counterplan. The parties were unable to resolve their differences at the conference, but agreed to continue discussions after the conference. The conference was then adjourned.

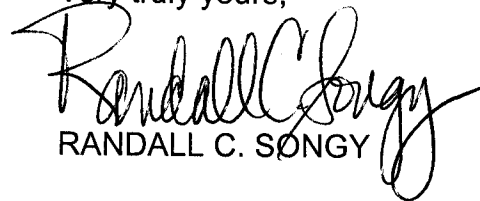
Further discussions after the conference led to resolution of differences and a compromise unit proposal reflected on the attached plat. The applicant will hold a conference to discuss this unit proposal, BUT ONLY if requested to do so by an Interested Owner, Represented Party or Interested Party within ten (10) days from the date of this Application.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting Bill Robbins with W.H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)-232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties
and Represented Parties

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R 6 W

Conquest 1
7765' 1
8129' MD
8000' VD
Grand En.
Denex 1
9860'

R 5 W
Kerr-McGee 1
13500'
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11500 RA SUA
BACCIGALOPPI No. 1 ST
298 ACRES

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14100'

Abra Conner
William Conner
Mrs. R. C. Bertrand
Mrs. T. C. Theriot

Ballard Baccigaloppi
1 (OH)
13172'

John W. Theriot
13233' MD
12768' VD
Ballard Theriot
1 (ST)

Forman 1
8728'
Roberta W. Roy, et al

Watson 1
6679' MD
6110' VD
6679'

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Clegg & Hunt 1
9685'

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John R. Baccigaloppi, et al

Theriot, et al

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

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EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.
DATE:
Ballard Exploration Company, Inc.

LITTLE CHENIERE FIELD
CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
11500' SAND

0 1000' 2000'

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